

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Title:

ELECTRONIC CAMERA HAVING AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC FLASH
FUNCTION

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, with the following
rewritten paragraph:**

A digital camera has been proposed, in which the gain is changed in accordance with the distance to the object in order to increase the distance for which the electric flash apparatus may emit light in an optimal amount (Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKAI Publication No. 2000-134533). The flash apparatus may not emit light in an optimal amount, because no preliminary light emission is performed to calculate the best possible amount ~~in which~~ of light which should be emitted to the object.